(b) As per the feedback available from the Drugs Controller, Uttar Pradesh, the Government Analyst's Laboratory in U.P. has the capacity to test 600 samples per annum. During the period 1998-2002, 168 samples of drugs were collected by the Drug Inspectors U.P. at Gautam Budha nagar; 32 were tested by the Govt.Analyst whereas 66 samples have expired and the remaining are pending for analysis.

(c) and (d) Central Government initiated steps during 8th and 9th plan to augment the drugs testing facilities under centrally sponsored scheme and the request of the State Government were accommodated within the approved plan outlay. Out of this fund, the State Govts. can purchase equipments and also utilize funds for construction of buildings where drug testing facilities are inadequate. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 51.8lakhs had been released to the state of Uttar Pradesh during the said period for purchase of sophisticated drug testing laboratory equipment. During the current financial year (2002-03), a Capacity Building Project with the assistance from World bank has been kept for the drugs sector to augment the drugs testing facilities in Central and States. In this project, the proposal of the state of Uttar Pradesh for their drug testing laboratory with a budgetary provision of approximately Rs. 2.44 crores has been included along with other states to strengthen their drugs testing facilities in respect of infrastructure, manpower etc.

PG Diploma Course in Health Care Management

1269. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. for launching a Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Healthcare Management in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its duration and course contents;

(c) whether the said diploma would be recognized in various Government hospitals, healthcare centres and drug laboratories; and

(d) by when the course is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Medical Council of India in its Regulations on Post Graduate Medical Education have not prescribed diploma course in healthcare management.